



# Working Notes

*Northstar Working Group Association monthly publication.*  
**Celebrating 10 Years!**

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**Announcement!! Northstar Working Group Association is in NEED of a volunteer to be Publicity Chair. Please contact, President Sid Levin at [SeredipityDanes@aol.com](mailto:SeredipityDanes@aol.com)**

## Next Meeting

**February 18 Meeting at Perkins,  
Lakeville 7:30 PM**

**Directions: I-35 south or north to exit 85 (County Rd 5/50 in Lakeville). Go northwest on County Rd 5 to 172nd St. W. Turn left onto 172nd St. W., then turn left again onto Kenyon Avenue. Perkins Restaurant is at the end of Kenyon Ave.**

## Membership Directory Update

Please remove the following persons from your membership directory: Peggy Hagen, Julie Mulloy, and Carol Van Nostrand.

If anyone has changed mailing address, e-mail address, or telephone number, please send the correct information to Secretary Diane Levin, 22687 Forest Ridge Drive, Lakeville, MN 55044, e-mail [SeredipityDanes@aol.com](mailto:SeredipityDanes@aol.com). Thanks for keeping your contact information up to date.

## **A Letter from Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club**

To our fellow Minnesota Kennel Clubs and other interested groups,

We all know that the 2010 Minnesota legislative session will include another breeder bill; puppy mill bill; etc. that we need to watch, challenge and defeat in order to protect our dogs, our sport and our future as breeders and Dog Fanciers. The Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club (ACMKC) has been in contact with numerous legislators who have told us these bills are going to happen and the bills have a lot of support and “legs” already. We held a forum with Representative Hamilton (R-Mountain Lake) back in November. Representative Hamilton outlined the challenge that we all face this year-it was rather frightening.

To help in this effort the Minnesota Cat and Dog Council (MCDC) has taken the lead with other organizations to fight the efforts of others including the powerful and well funded HSUS. This effort will take time, money and people. As President of ACMKC, I challenge all Minnesota dog clubs and organizations to support this cause by getting involved with MCDC financially as well as with time, talents and people.

The ACMKC Board of Directors and its members are proud to contribute \$2500 to this effort. In addition, we have members who are supporting the challenge at the legislature, as well as in organizing the effort. We challenge each club to provide what you can in funding, time and talent to defeat these bills this session.

In addition we all need the support and commitment of each of your members to contact their Minnesota legislators at the appropriate time to voice their opinion as well as demand that their legislators vote against these bills. We need your club to step up NOW with funding and people to help. MCDC and others will help us understand the timing for these calls as well as whom to contact. You need to get your members committed to this effort now, so they are ready when the time comes. Together we will have a voice and we can make a difference. Without you we may not succeed. I for one don't want to look back and say “What more could we have done?” We need proactive leadership on this and we need help in money, time and talents. Don't stand on the sideline, this is your fight too and you cannot rely on others to solve this issue. We need everyone's help. I hope you and your club will join the cause!!

Let's do this for the dogs we love! Please send donations made out to:

MCDC c/o Fred Jacobberger,  
Esq. P.O. Box 202093  
Bloomington, MN 55420

On behalf of all members of the Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club.

Sincerely,  
Steve Freeman, President Anoka County Minnesota Kennel Club

NORTHSTAR WORKING  
GROUP ASSOCIATION

Minutes  
January 21, 2010

The Northstar Working Group Association met at the Perkins Restaurant in Lakeville on January 21, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Sid Levin. There was no quorum.

**President's Report:** Sid reported that he filed the club's tax returns and renewed the club's business license with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Sid also thanked everyone who worked at the January show and thanked Kari Hahn for organizing the dog show tours. Kari thanked her tour volunteers.

**Secretary's Report:** Diane Levin reported that she sent membership packets to Mary and Beth Pearson. She received correspondence as follows: a letter from AKC inviting the club to become a founding donor to the AKC Humane Fund; e-mail from AKC describing changes to the AKC Canine partners program for mixed-breed dogs; e-mail from AKC describing their new political action committee (AKCPAC), which will support legislators and candidates that oppose anti-dog or anti-breeder legislation, and requesting donations from individuals as contributions from clubs or other corporate

entities are not allowed; a letter from the National Animal Interest Alliance, Patti Strand's organization, requesting donations; a letter from the Minnesota Cat and Dog Council (formerly the Minnesota Council of Dog Clubs) requesting donations and a club contact; and a flyer from Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club noting that LMKC is preparing a Breeder's Directory which will list breeders, clubs, dog-related businesses, and rescues; deadline for submission of entries is May 15, 2010.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Olson was absent but submitted a report. The club's current checking account balance is \$20,013.86. The Juniors Program account was opened with \$1,000.00. The club also has a CD in the amount of \$12,300.99.

**Committee Reports:**

**Show:** January 2010: Diane Levin thanked everyone who helped make the show a success. The show report was printed in the newsletter.

August 2010: Diane is preparing the application packet. We will again offer a Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Group as a special attraction. Entry fees will be held to \$26.00 for regular class entries, \$21.00 for Bred-by-Exhibitor class. The entry for Junior Showmanship will be reduced to \$10.00.

**Obedience:** Sharon Olson was absent, but sent a report noting that judge Donna Larson had to withdraw from her assignment because of injury, so she had to find an alternate judge quickly. Donna's replacement will be local judge Charles Kline. Diane reported that everything is on track for the trials on January 30-31. Anyone who wants to steward should contact chief steward Jim Olson. Entries are 15-16 dogs each day for both rally and obedience. We will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. We are not selling food this year.

Sharon also reported that she has hired Donna Larson and Cindy Pischke for 2011; both judges have returned their contracts.

**Agility:** Sharon sent a report on the status of our trials, scheduled for July 31-August 1, 2010. AKC withheld approval of one of our judges because he had accepted another assignment for the same weekend. Sharon contacted the judge and because our contract preceded that of the other club—he had signed it in November 2008—he canceled the other assignment. All approvals have now been received. Sharon is trying to confirm a photographer so she can finish the premium list and send it to trial secretary Jan Richards by the end of February. Sharon

reminded club members that many volunteers are needed to run the trials; volunteers do not have to be agility competitors and will receive on the job training. Sunny Lambert is volunteer coordinator, and it is never too early to sign up.

**Match:** Debbie Wuetherich reported that St. Croix Valley Kennel Club has not finalized plans for a 2010 AKC Canine Experience. We will contact them to see how they are progressing.

**Judge Hospitality:** Sid noted that we have obtained a corporate rate of \$69.00/night at the Holiday Inn Express off of Cliff Road in Eagan. The hotel has an airport shuttle. In order to obtain this rate, judges must allow us to make their reservations or must make them directly with the hotel.

**Juniors:** As noted, the Juniors Program account has been opened. Program Chair Deb Wilkins has begun to develop plans with her committee.

**Trophies:** Ann Porwoll reported that the club had selected pop-up sunshades as Best of Breed awards for the August show. We will need a minimum order of 50, which is double the amount that we usually need, and she asked if we should continue with this plan. There was some discussion about whether members would buy the extra sunshades. Awards for group placements will be

suncatchers with our club logo; these will be ordered in the spring. Ann noted that payments from two January trophy sponsors are still outstanding.

**Hospitality:** The mid-November date of the 2009 awards banquet was discussed at the Board meeting. Bliss Bancroft said that the management of Buca di Beppo contacted her to ask if we wanted to reserve the same weekend for next year. Everyone agreed that the week before Thanksgiving is a good date. Bliss will confirm the reservation for 2010 with Buca, unless there is a conflict with a local show.

**Membership:** Guest Kara Maytag submitted a membership application.

Membership Application, First Reading: Kara Maytag, who has Standard Schnauzers, is sponsored by Sunny Lambert and Marjana Gallery. Sunny wrote a letter in support of her application.

**Legislation:** Sunny received a letter from Steve Freeman, president of the Anoka Kennel Club, which has been in contact with legislators about the puppy mill/breeder bills that will come up in 2010. Steve's letter urged all clubs to become involved with the Minnesota Cat and Doc Council (MCDC), which is looking for donations and volunteers to combat such legislation. The Anoka club donated \$2500.00 to MCDC's fund. The Cambridge, MN

Kennel Club donated \$5000.00. Because there was no quorum, the club could not vote on making a contribution, but Sunny will move the issue at the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Sid emphasized that the publicity chair position needs to be filled so that our events can be advertised in advance. Sunny will put a notice in the newsletter asking for a volunteer.

Kirsten Ludwig reminded everyone that 2010 is NWGA's tenth anniversary year. She noted that the North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC) ordered gold pins to mark their club's tenth anniversary; they were given to charter members and sold to all others. Sid said he liked the idea of getting ten-year pins, which would be given to everyone who reached ten years of membership. Sid also has been thinking about having an anniversary party at one of our meetings. Kirsten suggested the possibility of having a barbecue or picnic with NSHGC, if they would be interested. There was a discussion of various options. It was decided that Sid should look into the cost and availability of enamel or cloisonné pins.

**New Business:** Sunny suggested that the club consider sponsoring a seminar by Dr. Christine Zink, DVM, on structure, movement, and performance. This seminar could appeal both to

conformation and performance competitors. Diane had printed flyers describing several of Dr. Zink's seminars being offered by clubs around the country this year. Sunny said that she would be attending one of these seminars later in the month

and will see what the attendance looks like. She will also see if Dr. Zink can give her information about seminar topics and her charges.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Following the meeting, brags were announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin  
Secretary, NWGA

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### NWGA Obedience and Rally Trials – January 30-31, 2010

February 4, 2010

Entries were slightly better in obedience than at last year's trials, and about the same in rally. On Saturday, there were 15 dogs with a total of 20 entries in obedience, and 16 dogs with a total of 18 entries in rally. On Sunday, there were 15 dogs with a total of 18 entries in obedience, and 15 dogs with a total of 16 entries in rally.

As always, these trials were successful because of our volunteers. Ring stewards were Bliss Bancroft, Kathie Galotti, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Jim Olson, and Sharon Olson on Saturday; Kathie Galotti, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Jim Olson, and Sharon Olson on Sunday. Kathie's daughter Kimberlyn helped out on Sunday. Deb Merritt lent a hand where needed. Thanks to everyone for a great job.

We also thank our judges, Anna Lorenz and Charles Kline; photographer Amy Johnson; and trial secretary Cindy O'Hare of Dog Shows By Design.

Finally, thanks to all our exhibitors and their dogs. Eleven working breeds were represented this year: Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Dogues de Bordeaux, Great Danes, Mastiffs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Rottweilers, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, and Standard Schnauzers. Eight dogs achieved new titles. Congratulations to all qualifiers and winners!



Trial Results—Saturday, January 30, 2010

Highest Score in Regular Classes (195, Novice B):

# 201 Abbey Road Valeus Lacerta CD RA (Bernese Mountain Dog)

Owner: Kathie Galotti

Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility (361.5)

# 402/603 Robindane's Heartbreaker UD RAE (Great Dane)

Owners: Willie and Kathleen Robinson

Trial Results—Sunday, January 31, 2010

High Score in Regular Classes (199, Novice B):

# 201 Abbey Road Valeus Lacerta CD RA (Bernese Mountain Dog)

Owner: Kathie Galotti

Highest Combined Score in Open B and Utility (369)

# 402/603 Robindane's Heartbreaker UD RAE (Great Dane)

Owners: Willie and Kathleen Robinson

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in making these trials a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin and Sharon Olson, Trial Co-Chairs

